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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I saw you this past week on the Bandy T.V. talk show. It gave me great pleasure to watch you give those establishment synecophants hell.

Do you recall being interviewed, by telephone if I remember right, for Pacifica radio W.B.A.I., in New York, about two years ago? You talked with a Mr. Bob Murphy about the then current Garrison investigation and trial in New Orleans.

Prior to interviewing you, Mr. Murphy had done an earlier broadcast, a pedestrian job, on these some aspects of the Kennedy assassination. I immediately, upon hearing this broadcast, mailed Mr. Murphy a copy of your book, "Oswald In New Orleans". I suggested to Mr. Murphy, in my accompanying letter, that if he really wanted to be an informed and knowledgeable commentator on the subject, that he read your book.

He may have mentioned this when he first contacted you.

I have read all your books on the assassination
1 "whitewash" and most of what's been written
by critics of the Warren Commission. I also
own a set of the 26 volumes.

The extent of my reading on the subject, I list
here for sort of credentials for giving serious
consideration to what follows.

For the past three years I've been into a personal
research project on the assassination of President
John F. Kennedy. The task I set myself was to
uncover, if possible, a specific motive for the
assassination in Dallas. A motive to the exclusion
of all others.

I started with two basic premises; one;
that investigators such as yourself had shown,
beyond a reasonable doubt, that the Central
Intelligence Agency had authored and executed
the plot to assassinate President Kennedy. Two;
that your summary of the C.I.A.'s treasonous
opposition to Kennedy's policies and authority,
outlined on Page 301 of "Oswald In New Orleans",
afforded a logical point of departure for my
investigation as to specific motive.

after three years work, I believe I have found that motive, and its proofs.

I have evidence, to the effect, that just prior to his death, President Kennedy was well into the preliminaries of a negotiated settlement to the war in Vietnam. That on the 20th Nov. 1963, two days before the assassination, President Kennedy had taken positive ^(for the C.I.A.) irrevocable steps to implement this move towards peace in Southeast Asia.

Furthermore, that the New York Times, from the very first days was aware of the facts surrounding this Kennedy peace initiative. And that they in a conspiracy of lies, and silence, joined in by columnist James Reston, Tom Wicker, and others of their ilk, denied this information to the American people so as to mislead and deceive them as to the true perpetrators of, and motives for, the assassination in Dallas.

I can further substantiate that every Kennedy chronicler, without exception, from Schlesinger, Borenson, and White, to Manchester and Hilsman, knowingly suppressed information and calculatingly lied in print regarding this imminent peaceful end to the war.

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and finally, as unlikely as this may seem, most of the authors of those many, many, tomes on how we got into Vietnam, *ad infinitum*, *ad nauseam*, consciously deceived the American public as to the availability of evidence that, in Nov. of 1963, Kennedy was about to bring the Vietnam War to a early and peaceful conclusion.

Why this conspiracy of lies and silence? It was this same, New York Times, in the months preceding the assassination, that carried the crescendo of stories, one following the other, on the violent split within the Kennedy administration. The C.I.A. - Pentagon Cabal, were reported in the "Times", as in virtual rebellion over Kennedy's refusal to be drawn into further military support for the faltering Saigon regime. They were also in revolt over what amounted to Kennedy's developing policy of neutralism and peaceful co-existence in S.E. Asia. Again in the "Times", one month before Kennedy's death, the C.I.A. was reported as "the source of a possible coup against the ^{Kennedy} government in Washington". The C.I.A. took this determination of Kennedy's to negotiate a settlement with the N.F.L.S.V; especially from a position of weakness, as tantamount to a surrender of first Vietnam and eventually the whole of S.E. Asia to Communism.

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Opposed to neutralism, the C.I.A. advocated unconditional support for the tottering regime in Saigon. Including large forces of U.S. combat troops if necessary.

And lo and behold. Just days after the assassination in Dallas. And reported in the New York Times as inconspicuously and as obscurely as possible. Who should these very policies of the C.I.A. - Pentagon cabal find as their most ardent advocate. Why none other than our very own Lyndon B. Johnson!

We Americans may not be that sophisticated politically. But given the above facts, we could without too much trouble put two and two together, and come up with that dirtiest of four letter words, "coup".

Why indeed a conspiracy of lies and silence?

Mr. Weisberg, I live in Queens, New York City. My address is listed below. I would like to drive down to Maryland and show you the material I've put together. Any day that's convenient for you, would be fine with ~~me~~ me.

Sincerely
Robert Souer

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P.A.

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or authors rights to any of the material
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